

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A component placement ~~machine~~ machine (1) with a ~~frame~~ frame (2) and with a transport ~~device~~ device (3) for transporting printed circuit ~~boards~~ boards (5) in an X-direction as well as a method for transporting printed circuit ~~boards~~ boards (5), ~~which whereby the~~ transport ~~device~~ device (3) comprises at least one transport ~~beam~~ beam (6) extending in the X-direction. The transport ~~beam~~ beam (6) can be driven in the X-direction in a reciprocating movement, whereby the transport ~~device~~ device (1) is provided with ~~a clamping means~~ (12, 15, 16)-mechanism connected to the transport ~~beam~~ beam (6) for clamping ~~in one-on to a~~ lateral ~~edge~~ edge (21) extending in the X-direction of the printed circuit ~~boards~~ boards (5) to be transported. The device is further provided with ~~supporting means~~ (18, 20)-~~a supporting mechanism~~ connected to the ~~frame~~ frame (2) for supporting two lateral edges on both sides of the printed circuit ~~boards~~ boards (5), ~~which clamping means~~ (18, 20)-~~whereby the clamping mechanism~~ can be brought into an active clamping position such that the ~~clamping means~~ (18, 20)-~~are active-clamping mechanism is active~~ during the movement of the transport ~~beam~~ beam (6) in the positive X-direction and can be brought ~~to a resting in a rest-position~~ during the ~~returning-return~~ of the transport ~~beam~~ beam (6) in the negative X-direction, ~~in which rest position of the clamping means~~ (18, 20) the printed circuit boards (5) are being supported by the ~~supporting means~~ (18, 20). While the clamping mechanism is in a resting position the printed circuit boards are supported by the supporting mechanism.